

Remarks

Claims 9-10, 12-17, 20, 22-23, 33, 37, 40-42, 45-46, 51, and 57-65, of the PCT application from which the present national phase application claims the benefit, are herein canceled, and claims 26-30, 32, 34, 38-39, 47, and 56 are amended.

Claims 1-8, 11, 18-19, 21, 24-32, 34-36, 38-39, 43-44, and 47-56 are pending in the application.

Support for the amendment to the claims is found in claims of PCT application PCT/US2004/033230 filed October 8, 2004, of which the present application is a national phase U.S. utility application. Support for amendment to claim 34 is found in PCT claims 34 and 37 as filed.

No new matter has been added. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of canceled claims of the PCT application in this application or in another application sharing the benefit of the same filing date and priority document filing dates.

Claims of the PCT application are here amended to reduce or eliminate the multiple dependent claims and total number of claims that were pending in the PCT application from which this application claims the benefit, and not for the purpose of any prior art reference. Nothing in this amendment is intended to limit interpretation of the scope of the pending claims with respect to possible infringement under the doctrine of equivalents.

Summary

On the basis of the foregoing amendments and reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for examination and allowance, which is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding these remarks, the Examiners are invited and encouraged to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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